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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Pending in this patent application are claims 1-4 before this amendment. By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

In the office action, claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0103929 (Molnar) in view of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0203945 (Qu), and further in view of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0052212 (Aschir). The "et al." suffix is omitted in a reference name.

The applicants respectfully **disagree** and submit that the presently claimed invention as amended is completely different from anything taught or suggested by Molnar, Qu, and Aschir, whether these references are considered individually or in any combination.

Aschir is configured such that a Service Center (SC) transmits a short message and an SC address to a GMSC. The GMSC transmits the short message, the SC address and MSISDN to an SCO.

In contradistinction, the presently claimed invention is configured so that a mobile station ISDN (MSISDN) value is used instead of using the actual address of a short message service center, which was previously stored in a mobile station, as the address of an SMSC at the time of transmitting a Short Message Service (SMS) message, thereby flexibly selecting a short message service center to process the message.

Molnar discloses load centralization, but does **not** use MSISDN instead of an SC

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address. Moreover, Aschir uses MSISDN and an SC address, but the MSISDN of Aschir does not use an SC address.

As a result, the presently claimed invention is directed to, inter alia, a mobile station that sends a short message and MSISDN as an SC address to an MSC, that is the mobile station does not send a real SC address invested in SMSC.

Thus, in the presently claimed invention MSISDN is used instead of an SC address in the mobile station, and an MSC sends the short message to a minimum load centralization SMSC.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4 pending in this application are in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit an indication of allowable subject matter.

The applicants make one final note that final rejection status as indicated in the office action (page 5) was made in error due to inadvertence. The undersigned attorney confirmed this with the examiner over telephone on October 25, 2006 that the current office action dated September 14, 2006 is a **non-final** office action.

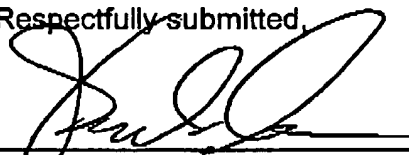
This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office action. Should the examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the examiner

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is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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